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Subject: Fwd: FW: [EXTERNAL] Navajo Letter Requesting Consultation on Bears Ears
Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 11:15:26 AM
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From: **Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO** < (b) (6)>
Date: Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 10:45 AM
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From: Jackson Brossy [mailto:jbrossy@nnwo.org]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Navajo Letter Requesting Consultation on Bears Ears

Hi Billy and Ben,

Here is a letter from the Navajo Nation requesting a meeting with President Trump regarding plans for the Bears Ears National Monument.

I am happy to discuss further if you have time.

Best,

Jackson

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THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

October 20, 2017

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Request for Consultation on Bears Ears National Monument

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we write to request a meeting with you to discuss Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears National Monument holds sacred religious and cultural significance to our people and as such, we are gravely concerned with Secretary Ryan Zinke's recommendations to you regarding the Bears Ears National Monument.

We strongly support maintaining the Bears Ears National Monument as it currently exists, and we are not alone in our sentiment. Some 2.8 million Americans including five local Native American Nations commented in support of Bears Ears and other national monuments, and many noted the economic benefits Bears Ears will bring to the surrounding region.

We respectfully request to meet with you on a government-to-government basis to share our story and our concerns as they relate to Bears Ears National Monument. The Navajo Nation thanks you for your time and consideration of our request to consult with you.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Begaye".
Russell Begaye, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Nez".
Jonathan M. Nez, Vice President